



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 30, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

Note: to get the most from this report, be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest!

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### 53<sup>rd</sup> Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

Both the Senate and the House are adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2017.

**Next deadlines:** **April 14** is the last day for conference committees and **April 18** marks the 100<sup>th</sup> day of the session.

### Summary of Action

More than 318 floor actions have been filed since the last issue; 23 of those are related to bills tracked by the Council. At this time, there are **1,057 bills posted, 141 bills passed, 1 vetoed, 121 signed; 100 Memorials or Resolutions posted and 18 passed.** The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view the web report, click [HERE](#)

NOTE: Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It **does** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Our web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills being tracked and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Be sure to ***click on the bill number for more information***. This list will continue to be edited and updated throughout the session. Bill information including description, status, hearings, etc. is part of a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

### Highlighted bills recently signed by the Governor

**S1093: telecommunications service assistance program** – permits ADES to administer the program; makes technical and conforming changes.

**S1239: parking violation; disabilities; access aisles** – prohibits a person from stopping,

standing or parking a motor vehicle, including a vehicle with an international symbol of access special plate in the access aisle of a disabled parking space.

**S1269: pharmacists; scope of practice** – related to expanded scope of practice for pharmacists.

**S1325: nursing facilities; assisted living; advertising** – related to the use of compliance and certification survey results in advertisements; includes provision for prohibiting, requiring and clarifying results.

**Other recent action**

**H2041: DHS; health care institutions; licensure** – eliminates renewal licensure for health care institutions and requires the Department of Health Services Director to establish rules regarding the payment and late payment of licensing fees. Modifies information and documentation required to be submitted by an applicant for licensure as a health care institution. Recent action: 3/30 passed Senate 29-0; ready for the Governor.

**H2076: advanced directives registry; provider access** – requires the Secretary of State to establish a process for health care providers to access the Advanced Directive Registry and grants specific protections from civil liability for the state and its contractors. Recent action: 3/28 from Senate Rules okay.

**S1441: health insurance; claims; arbitration** – relating to out-of-network claim disputes. Recent action: 3/28 from House Rules okay.

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Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature's website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers> .

Committee Minutes can be found at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/DocumentSearch/C?SessionID=117>

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*Arizona State Legislature* website: [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Calendar & News link: <http://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#)

Find and review bill information [HERE](#)

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#)

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#)

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

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If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or email: [engage@az.gov](mailto:engage@az.gov) .
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#).

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## **Other News**

**Governor Ducey** signed **Executive Order 2017-03** Internal Review of Training Requirements, Continuing Education, Fees, and Processes. Link provided [HERE](#)

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## **FEDERAL UPDATE**

### **Updates**

#### **H.R.1618**

##### **S.O.S. Veterans Caregivers Act**

Introduced on 3/17/2017 by Representative Raul Ruiz (CA-36)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that caregivers for veterans with serious illnesses are eligible for assistance and support services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes

**Latest action: on 3/27/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health**

#### **H.R.1472**

##### **Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017**

Introduced on 3/9/2017 by Representative James R. Langevin (R-2)

To expand eligibility for the programs of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such programs, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life and for other purposes.

**Latest action: on 3/27/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health**

**Related bill: [S.591](#)**

#### **H.R.1369**

##### **Indian Healthcare Improvement Act of 2017**

Introduced on 3/6/2017 by Representative Tom Cole (OK)

To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and for other purposes. (Note: includes funding for hospice care, assisted living services, long-term care services, home and community based services; those eligible for long-term care services include individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's disease.)

Text [HERE](#)

**Latest action: on 3/20/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs**

#### **H.R.1361**

**To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.**

Introduced on 3/2/2017 by Representative Lee M. Zeldin (NY-1)

**Latest action: on 3/2/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health**

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### **Other legislation**

#### **H.R.1676**

##### **Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act**

Introduced on 3/22/2017 by Representative Eliot L. Engel (NY-16)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredit allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

On 3/22/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## **H.R.1251**

### **CPI-E Act of 2017**

Introduced on 2/28/2017 by Representative John Garamendi (CA-3)

To provide for the cost-of-living increase for certain Federal benefits programs based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for the elderly.

On 3/27/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **S.705**

**A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly or individual with disabilities, and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 3/23/2017 by Senator Orrin Hatch (UT)

On 3/23/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **S.694**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the standard charitable mileage rate for delivery of meals to elderly, disabled, frail and at risk individuals.**

Introduced on 3/22/2017 by Senator Angus S. King Jr. (ME)

On 3/22/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Link to the President Trump's *America First Budget* [HERE](#).

Office of Management and Budget webpage [HERE](#)

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Check active (federal) legislation [HERE](#).

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### **Share your opinions with members of Congress!**

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

ALSO: USA.gov provides information at: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

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## **NEWS& RESOURCES**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Elder Justice Initiative** [HERE](#)

Resource topics: Victims, Families & Caregivers; Financial Exploitation – Federal Resource Roadmap, Senior Scam Alert; Prosecutors – Law Enforcement; Victim Specialists – Victims’ Rights, Federal Webinars, Get Involved, Get Safe; Research & Related Literature

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### **Kaiser Health News**

***‘Pre-Hospice’ Saves Money By Keeping People At Home Near The End of Life*** [HERE](#)

Aging-related stories at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

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### **Latest Information!**

**2017 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures:** <http://alz.org/facts/>

**Note:** *Full Report* and *Infographic* available at the link provided.

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**National Alzheimer’s Project Act** updated information can be found at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/> .

Alzheimer’s website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

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**Encore.org; second acts for the greater good**

***The Encore Prize; Generation to Generation Challenge & Prize*** [HERE](#)

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From *Governing; The States and Localities*

**Howard Risher/March 29, 2017**

**Why We Need to Rethink Public-Sector Retirement** [HERE](#)

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### **INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

**April 9-11, 2017**

**Arizona’s 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT Phoenix Airport Marriott; Registration** [HERE](#)

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**Friday, April 21**

**Arizona Geriatric Society Annual Spring Conference *Keeping the Person in Person-Centered Geriatric Care***

Plaza Arboleda Conference Center in Tucson AZ

**Online registration**

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**Mark your calendar**

**May 12, 2017**

**2017 AOHC Oral Health Summit *Launching the Future of Arizona’s Oral Health***

Wigwam Resort, 300 E. Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

**More information** [HERE](#)

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**DD Planning Council self-advocacy projects grant funding**

**More information at:** [https://addpc.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/Final\\_SA\\_RFGA\\_022317.pdf](https://addpc.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/Final_SA_RFGA_022317.pdf)

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**In case you missed it last time...**

**Kaiser Health News**

Thursday, March 23, 2017

*Video Help Is On Way For Family Caregivers Who Must Draw Blood Or Give Injections* [HERE](#)

Monday, March 20, 2017

*Changes to GOP Plan Will Provide Relief To Older Americans, Ryan Promises* [HERE](#)

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**[The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#)**

*Medicaid Restructuring Under the American Health Care Act and Implications for Behavioral Health Care in the US* [HERE](#)

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**Oral Health America – Wisdom Tooth Project®** [HERE](#)

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**State Fiscal News**

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

*Monthly Fiscal Highlights March 2017* [HERE](#)

*March 7<sup>th</sup> Baseline-Executive Spreadsheet Comparison* [HERE](#)

*Arizona Economic Trends March 2017* [HERE](#)

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**Ongoing Resources**

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news

**Newsroom:** <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

**#AZAWESOME Shareables:** <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

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**AHCCS News & Updates:**

<http://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

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**Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Attorney General's Senior Resources** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Department of Health Services**

**Public Health Licensing** [HERE](#)

**Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA)** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A**

**Map of Regions** [HERE](#)

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**State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)** – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

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***Just in case***

If you wish to share our tracking list, here is the link to the web report.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25801&listid=61524&print=true>

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Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

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You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) . Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

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It is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* at least every other week during the session.

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**Based on staffing, this brief issue is being sent early. Enjoy your weekend!**

**~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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